

## ABSTRACT

A host apparatus 20 is provided and may include a command bus 28 and a command interface 26, 27 arranged in accordance with one of the ATA/IDE standard or the Serial ATA standard for transmitting commands to a storage medium device over the storage medium command bus 28. An integrated circuit chip 29 may be connected to the command bus 28 and to the external databus 22 and may have an interface that converts commands received from the command bus 28 in a format in accordance with said one of the ATA/IDE standard or the Serial ATA standard into a format for the external databus 22 and transmits the converted commands over the external databus 22.